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Selectmen's Minutes 11-22-2004

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 Meeting Minutes
 Monday, November 22, 2004
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Mr. Hurd, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, and Mrs. Dias.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.
 Absent: Mr. Lyons

FOR APPROVAL

1. Minutes of Meetings: November 8, 2004, November 15, 2004
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

2. Discussion: Peer Communities of 2004
 Allen Reedy, Vision 2020
 Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to have Mrs. Malloy forward the 10 Town/City list already used in the Town.
 She recommended that Vision 2020 use this list for peer communities' reports.
 Mrs. Dias moved to receive report. SO VOTED (4-0)

3. Approval: Arlington Sewer Bond-MWRA-\$19,800
 John J. Bilafer, Town Treasurer
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

4. Reappointments: Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee
 Christopher John Douglas Tonkin
 Scott B. Smith
 Stephan S. Miller
 Ted Packard
 Ron Sender
 Jack Johnson
 (terms to expire 11/06)
 Mr. Hurd expressed safety concerns over bikers not stopping at major intersections. Mrs.
 Mahon asked the Committee to look into other communities to see what they do concerning safety issues.
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

5. Reappointment: Park and Recreation Commission
 Donald Vitters
 (term to expire 12/14/07)
 After some discussion by the Selectmen on user fees, adult pick up games, and how to
 coordinate field closings, Mrs. Mahon requested a future joint meeting with the Park & Rec Commission,

Town Manager, and Selectmen.
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

6. Request: Common Victualer License
Vandana Corporation d/b/a Kashmir Café, Avtar Singh, President
166 Mass. Ave.
Atty. Goldberg introduced the new owners and explained their intentions to continue the breakfast and offer a mixture of traditional and Indian cuisine.
Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)
7. Request: Wine and Malt Beverages Only License
Vandana Corporation d/b/a Kashmir Café, Avtar Singh, President
166 Mass. Ave.
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
8. Request: Pledge of License/Wine and Malt Beverages Only
Vandana Corporation d/b/a Kashmir Café, Avtar Singh, President
166 Mass. Ave.
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
9. Request: Automatic Amusement Licenses (3)
Arlington Lodge of Elks #1435, Paul McLean, Mgr., 56 Pond Lane
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

10. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**
This matter was presented for consideration of the Board.

Gordon Jamieson, Co-Chair of the Recycling Committee, thanked all the people who came and helped distribute bins for recycling on Saturday, November 19th.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

11. Request: Signage – Burch St. @ Dorothy Rd.
Helene Martel, 7 Osborne Rd.
Mr. Hurd moved approval to have the Town Manager move forward and communicate it to the Transportation Advisory Committee. SO VOTED (4-0)
12. Request: On Street Overnight Parking
Penny Pavlakos, 22 Fairmont St.
Mr. Hurd moved to refer to parking sub-committee. SO VOTED (4-0)
13. Request: On Street Overnight Parking for 2 School Buses
Patric Barbieri, Director LABBB Collaborative
Mr. Greeley moved approval, contingent upon referral to sub-committee. Mrs. Mahon requested that the board define policy for the future. SO VOTED (3-1)
Mrs. Dias voted in the negative.
14. Request: Payment of Bills
Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

15. Discussion: Follow-Up MWRA Debt/Split Tax Rate Policies

Gordon Jamieson

Mr. Jamieson asked the Board to consider splitting the water portion from the tax bill and just having a water bill ensuring that the user pays exactly what they use. Mr. Gordon says Arlington has an artificially low water rate and an artificially high tax rate.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of reports. SO VOTED (4-0)

16. Discussion: Affordable Housing, Local Initiative Program

Laura Wiener, Director of Housing

Ms. Weiner reported that this application would allow Affordable Housing to give Arlington applicants 70% of available units and non-Arlington applicants 30% of available units.

Mr. Greeley moved approval of application. SO VOTED (4-0)

17. Discussion: Licensing Procedures of the Engineering Division

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Sullivan explained that there are background checks and references done on drain layers before licensing making sure they are competent to work on the system.

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of report. SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

Nanci Ortwein Letter in support of banner on Town Hall Be Rec'd
135 Medford St.

Julia McLaughlin Letter in support of banner on Town Hall Be Rec'd
Three Lehigh St.

John F. Maher Cable Negotiation – Outside Counsel Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

John F. Maher Symmes Trusts Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Krepelka announced that on December 6, 2004 starting at 6:00pm there will be a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee regarding budgets.

Mrs. Dias thanked all who attended the Tri-Committee meeting and hopes the committee will continue to progress forward.

Mr. Hurd discussed the issues of private road repair. He wants to propose a way to allow residents to outlay less money upfront paying over 20 years with 2/3 abutters agreement to repair. Wants more discussion with Town Manager and Town Counsel possibly looking into creating a warrant article or changing the Public Way By-Law. Mr. Greeley suggested making this an agenda item prior to April Town Meeting.

Mrs. Mahon requested an update on Reed's Brook progress from the Town Manager. She also reported that the Snow & Ice Committee would meet at the next big snowstorm.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn at 9:28 pm.

A True Record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator